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Dunlap Police Officer Jason Knickman has earned a letter of commendation from a U.S. Marshal for his work in helping to capture an escaped fugitive.

Charles E. Beach addressed the following Aug. 12 letter to Dunlap Police Chief Jerry McDonald.

"Dear Chief McDonald,

"I am writing to commend Dunlap Police Officer Jason Knickman for his role in the investigation and capture of an escaped fugitive wanted by U.S. Marshals in the Southern District of Iowa.

"On June 30, 2004, Michael John Kluver, a convicted armed bank robber, was furloughed from USP Marion, Illinois to reside at the CH, Inc. halfway house in Council Bluffs, Iowa. On July 28, 2004, Kluver, who was still in the legal custody of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, walked away from CH, Inc. and was subsequently charged with Escape from federal custody in the Southern District of Iowa.

"On July 29, 2004, Deputy U.S. Marshals responded to Dunlap, Iowa on a lead that Kluver had been assisted in his escape by a (resident of Dunlap). Officer Knickman was instrumental in assisting Deputies with identifying, locating, and interviewing numerous individuals associated with Kluver (and the Dunlap resident). Significant leads were developed during these interviews, which eventually led to Kluver's capture on August 2, 2004 in Rock Island, Illinois.

"You and the community of Dunlap are very fortunate to have a Police Officer such as Jason Knickman. His dedication and professionalism reflect true character and epitomize the motto of the United States Marshals Service: Justice, Integrity. Service. Please express to Officer Knickman my sincerest thanks and appreciation for his outstanding work.

"Respectfully,

"Charles E. Beach, Sr. United States Marshal Southern District of Iowa"

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